



Rockville in 20 Years?

City-Wide Master Plan is Glimpse into the Future

The Rockville Planning Commission has completed a two-year process to update the City-wide Master Plan, a document that will direct the City's development activity 20 years into the future. The plan is particularly significant because future proposals for land use, transportation, community appearance and historic preservation, among others, will be judged by how they correspond to the plan's vision and goals.

A draft of the plan will be the subject of citizen input at a public hearing before the Mayor and Council on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chambers at City Hall. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the City-wide Plan Nov. 14, after months of citizen involvement. In December, the commission approved a draft plan and forwarded it to the Mayor and Council.

While portions of the plan remain unchanged from the current master plan, there are some notable changes, particularly in the area of land use. The City-wide Master Plan provides recommendations for use of remaining undeveloped land.

It is not anticipated that all undeveloped land will be developed, however there are general issues the City must address if a development proposal unexpectedly occurs. The plan addresses critical parcels such as the Woodmont Country Club, a 459-acre site with an entrance on Rockville Pike and borders that extend north to Wootton Parkway, south to Montrose Road and west to the Tower Oaks development. At this time, the Country Club has no plans to sell or develop its property.

The plan also provides development guidance for The Carver Educational Service Center, a 30-acre site located on the corner of Mannakee Street and Hungerford Drive that is the administrative offices for the Montgomery County Board of Education. The existing building, constructed in 1951, is significant because it once housed George Washington Carver High School, the only County public high school built exclusively for African Americans.

"The plan's vision is for Rockville to maintain the characteristics of small town community, one that emphasizes safe neighborhoods, a responsive government and strong historical ties," said Jim Wasilak of Rockville's planning division.

On Oct. 22, the previous Mayor and Council adopted the Town Center Master Plan, a document that laid out the vision for Rockville's downtown, by a vote of 5-0.

The master plan draft is available at www.ci.rockville.md.us/masterplan.htm. Call 301-309-3244 for more information. ❖



The new Mayor and Council presided over their first general session on Nov. 26. One of their first actions was to address concerns over pedestrian safety.

Rockville Takes Action on Pedestrian Safety

Several serious accidents involving pedestrians over a three-week period in November prompted Rockville's Mayor and Council to announce a series of immediate actions and long-term plans that address the dual purpose of protecting pedestrians and bicyclists while also keeping traffic moving freely.

The initiatives were announced at a press conference at City Hall on Dec. 3. In the prior week, an 88-year-old resident was killed while attempting to cross Route 355. Days before the formal announcement of the City's plan to make the streets safer for pedestrians, City Police put in effect one of the initiatives by stepping up enforcement of existing traffic laws at key intersections during periods of heightened traffic.

"Rockville has taken pride in following Smart Growth patterns that encourage people to live near places they work, and close to retail businesses, so that they can reach destinations through alternative means of transportation—such as by walking or riding bicycles," said Mayor Larry Giammo. "But we can be successful in this type of growth only if we can assure our residents and visitors that they will be safe traveling our streets. Fortunately, this is a situation where we not only have identified the problem, but we also have many of the answers."

Other proposals in the Mayor and Council's safety initiatives include:

- **Improve particular street designs.** The City will eliminate "hot rights" (right turns that allow vehicles to turn with stopping for a signal) and right turns on red at high pedestrian intersections.
- **Increase visibility of crosswalks.**
- **Alter traffic signal timing.** At wider inter-

sections, the re-timing of lights would increase the amount of time for pedestrians to cross intersections.

- **More highly visible yellow/green fluorescent signs.**
- **Reduce speed limits in high-activity areas.**
- **Red-light cameras.** The City is exploring installing cameras that will photograph vehicles that run red lights.
- **Education.** Signs would be placed at all entrances to the City, informing drivers that Rockville is committed to protecting pedestrian safety. A program to teach Rockville children the rules of pedestrian and bicycle safety is already under design. Rockville was recently awarded \$123,000 from the State Department of Transportation to develop this elementary school curriculum.

Montgomery County also is addressing the issue of pedestrian safety. In June 2000, County Executive Douglas M. Duncan established the Montgomery County Blue Ribbon Panel on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety to identify key pedestrian and traffic safety problems and propose a set of short-term and long-term actions. Based on the panel's early recommendations, the county has increased enforcement of traffic laws on numerous roads—including on Rockville Pike—and is adding more red light cameras around the county.

"We appreciate the efforts of Montgomery County and are looking forward to the Blue Ribbon Panel's recommendations," said Mayor Giammo. "We look forward to working with both the county and the state to address pedestrian safety issues along heavily-traveled roads in Rockville." ❖

Calendar of Events

City Events

NOTE: For events at Glenview Mansion and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, see Focus on the Arts insert.

1 Peerless Rockville Brunch. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Glenview Mansion in Civic Center Park. Author Eileen S. McGuckian will sign her book *Rockville: Portrait of a City*. Brunch is \$10 for Peerless member, \$15 for non-members.

21 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. 12 noon. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in Civic Center Park. Free. Call 1-301-309-3308 for more information.

For Seniors

Activities take place at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. For more information, call the Center at 301-309-3025. All programs with an activity number require an in-person, mail-in or online registration. For further information, call 301-309-3025.

2 Birthday and New Year's Party. 1:30 - 3 p.m. Register by Dec. 29. Activity #2703

8 Veteran's Club: Oral Histories of World War II. 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon. Register by Dec. 29. Activity #2997.

8 Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

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8 Relocation Issues.
10:15 a.m. Explores financial options when selling a home. Register by Jan. 4.

10 Secrets of the Soup and Sandwich. 10 a.m.–12 noon. \$10 members. \$12 non-members. Activity #2782.

11 Current Issues.
10:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Activity #2994.

15 Arthritis, New Hope. 1 p.m.

16 Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

16 Bridge. 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Register by Jan. 9. \$30 members, \$38 non-members. Activity #2863.

16 Classical Music. 1 - 2:30 p.m. Activity #2712.

17 Young In Heart Club Meeting. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

17 Update on Hypertension. 1 p.m.

21 Fundraising Bingo. 1 p.m. \$2 fee. Proceeds go to Senior Center.

22 Glaucoma & Vision Screening. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

22 Darkroom Techniques. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Free. Activity #2696.

22 Relocation Issues.
10:15 a.m. Explores the legal and estate planning issues of relocation. Register by Jan. 4.

23,24 Woodworking, Pen Making. 10 a.m. – 12 noon. \$20 members, \$25 non-members, plus \$10 payable to instructor. Activity # 2992.

23 Hand Chime Choir. 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. Free. Activity #2969.

24 Watercolor Class. 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Four weeks. \$20 members, \$25 non-members. Activity #2831.

25 Flexing Your Mind Free. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Free. Activity #2836.

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City Projects UPDATE

Recreation and Parks HUNGERFORD

Dawson Farm Park • Replacement of the existing wooden bridge • addition of interpretive historical signs and artwork • partial reconstruction of the original granary • preliminary design stage • completion in spring 2002

MONTROSE

Montrose Community Center • Will undergo modernization starting Feb. 2002 • improvements to include a new roof, more windows, and additional storage space • the center will reopen in summer 2002

KING FARM

King Farm Park • Installation of landscaping is 90 percent complete • the remainder will be planted in April 2002

Beall-Dawson Historical Park • Installation of period lighting • awaiting materials

GENERAL PROJECTS

Millennium Trail • Construction completed on path along Wootton Parkway from Falls Road to Darnestown Road • Norbeck Road path from East Gude Drive to Veirs Mill Road in design, with construction scheduled for 2002 • resurface path along Wootton Parkway from Edmonston Drive to Falls Road scheduled for 2002 • neighborhood and individual citizen input has been and will continue to be incorporated into design

I-270/Route 28 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge • TEA-21 award for \$3,124,421 received from State Highway Admin. • under design • separate bridge parallel to Route 28 on south side across I-270 to connect Hurley Avenue and Nelson Street bikeways • construction scheduled for spring 2003 • citizen input will continue to be incorporated into design

Beall-Dawson Historical Park • Realign and replace brick walkways to correct safety is-

suess • create a dooryard on side of house • install period lighting • contract has been awarded

Parks Topographical, Tree and Boundary Survey • Project completed • under final review

Croydon Creek Nature Center • Opening for use in January • grand opening will coincide with Earth Day in April 2002

Rockville Senior Center • Expand dining room • soundproof card and computer rooms • renovate kitchen • planning to begin in winter 2001-2002 • construction in summer 2002

Playground Equipment Improvements • Replaced equipment at Lone Oak and Welsh Parks during summer 2001 • replace equipment at Isreal Park, Dogwood Park upper play area and Broome Park

RedGate Golf Course-Bunker Renovation Project • Design phase completed • bidding on hold until FY 2003

Gude Drive Maintenance Facility • Replace salt dome • relocate material storage yard and salt box hangers • create new entrance to complex • improve offices • install stormwater management

Wootton Parkway Landscape • Enhancements to existing landscape on Wootton Parkway between Route 355 and Falls Road • designs have been developed by City's landscape architect and will be available for citizen comment

Public Works

TOWN CENTER

Maryland Avenue Extension • Roadway alignment analysis underway to extend Maryland Avenue from Middle Lane to Beall Avenue • Updated concept plans are the next work element

GENERAL PROJECTS

Water Main Work • Will strengthen water distribution system and improve fire flows on Chapman Avenue • main to be replaced in the summer of 2002

Baltimore Road • Bike path upgrade from Gladstone to Rockville High School is being designed • construction is expected to begin this spring

Wootton Parkway Improvements • Adding new traffic signal and an extra turn lane on Scott Drive at Wootton Parkway to separate right and left turn movements • modifying the intersection of Wootton Parkway and Glen Mill Road so Wootton Parkway continues straight to Darnestown Road, with Glen Mill Road stopping at Wootton Parkway • modifications to take place in next six months

Mount Vernon SWM • Will improve Cabin John Creek with modifications to existing stormwater management • sanitary sewer to be replaced and enlarged • construction spring 2002

Fallsgrove Off-site Improvements • The developer of Fallsgrove is required to make improvements in the intersections of Gude Drive and Research Boulevard, Gude Drive and Gaither Road, Wootton Parkway and Scott Drive, Wootton Parkway and Glen Mill Road, I-270 and Shady Grove Road, I-270, Maryland Route 28 and Nelson, West Montgomery Avenue and Gude Drive, West Montgomery Avenue and Shady Grove Road, and Shady Grove and Research Blvd. • plans for these improvements are in final review, construction to begin in early 2002

New Pedestrian/Bike Improvements are planned for spring 2002 • Include Great Falls Road at Maryland Route 28, Maryland Route 355 at Maryland Route 28 and Maryland Route 586, Twinbrook Parkway at Chapman Avenue, and Maryland Route 28 at I-270 and Nelson Street.

Montgomery Co. Prepared for Emergencies County to hold Community Meeting on Jan. 8 for Rockville Residents

Life for many people changed on September 11, and for some, concern remains about the area's future measures for emergency preparedness. Residents of Rockville, and all parts of Montgomery County, should take comfort in knowing that the County is ahead of other local governments in the area of emergency and disaster preparedness.

Fire, rescue and emergency services are a County function. The City provides resources and participates in emergency operations. This ensures a coordinated response. In the past three months, Montgomery County has been working closely with state, federal and local governments to expand security and help citizens prepare for any challenges that may lie ahead.

To enable citizens to gain a better understanding of the County's preparedness, County Executive Douglas M. Duncan and

Montgomery Fire and Rescue staff will hold a community forum for Rockville-area residents on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Tilden Center at 6300 Tilden Lane in North Bethesda.

County initiatives to combat bio-terrorism began more than five years ago. Since then, the County has obtained state of the art equipment, coordinated efforts with health professionals and staged practice exercises to train staff.

"If there is an emergency, the County will respond. We are resilient, resolved and very-well prepared," said Gordon A. Aoyagi, chief fire administrator for Montgomery County.

In the event of an emergency, citizens can call the Bio-terrorism Information Line at 240-777-4200. Translators will be available. More information is available on the Montgomery County Website, www.co.mo.md.us. ❖



Councilmember Anne Robbins and Mayor Larry Giammo, pictured above, spoke at a Dec. 13 event to honor Rockville-area postal workers. Councilmember John Hall was also in attendance.

In Brief

Holiday Drive a Big Help

The annual Rockville Holiday Drive provided 608 local households with Thanksgiving food baskets in November—a 13 percent increase over last year. The Drive offers special thanks to IBM, Lockheed Martin, the North Farm Community Basket Brigade and the Mount Calvary Baptist Church. These groups donated a majority of the baskets.

In December, more than 900 households will also receive food certificates and gifts. Fallsmead students collected more than 760 new toys in one week in mid-December. Monetary donations are still urgently needed. Checks, made payable to the Rockville Holiday Drive Fund, can be mailed to: Rockville Department of Community Services, 32 Courthouse Square, Rockville MD 20850.

Inclement Weather Policy

Wondering if a City meeting or a Recreation and Parks program has been cancelled because of weather? The following radio and TV stations will broadcast all Rockville City Government closings and delays: WTOP Radio (1500AM, 820AM, 107.7FM and 103.5FM), WARW (FM94.7); WRQX (FM107.3), WRC-TV (Channel 4), WTTG-Fox-TV (Channel 5) and WJLA-TV (Channel 7).

The following Rockville Recreation and Park hotlines will announce cancellations: Sports leagues: 301-309-3333; afternoon and evening programs: 301-309-3336; and Special Events: 301-309-3334. Rockville’s Swim Center, which has a slightly different closing policy, can be reached at 301-309-3040.

Snow Removal Mandatory

As the winter season approaches, residents and businesses are reminded that the City’s snow ordinance requires snow be removed from sidewalks, steps, driveways, parking spaces and paved areas for public use (including access ramps and curbs).

Rockville’s policy requires snow removal within 24 hours after a snowfall of three inches or less and within 48 hours after a snowfall of more than three inches. Sidewalks must be cleared to provide a safe, unobstructed, passable path 36 inches wide. Ice must be removed or treated within 24 hours, and surfaces must be treated to prevent re-freezing.

Senior citizens or people with disabilities who need assistance should call 301-309-3050.

CALL 301-309-3261 FOR MORE INFO

Christmas Tree Recycling

During each week in January, holiday trees and wire-bound wreaths will be collected at the curb along with other recyclables. Remove any stands, nails, decorations or tinsel, then place the tree at the curb.

Do not use a plastic bag. Wreaths should be placed at the curb as large household items. Keep separate from trees.

CALL 301-309-3094 FOR MORE INFO

Leash Testing

Rockville’s Neighborhood Services Division of Animal Control will conduct its Off-Leash Testing on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 10 a.m., in the Middle Lane parking lot.

CALL 301-309-3315 FOR MORE INFO

Martin Luther King Celebration Set for Jan. 21 at Theatre

Rockville’s Mayor and Council and the City’s Human Rights Commission will host Rockville’s 30th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration on Monday, Jan. 21, at 12 noon in the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

The celebration will feature music by Daryl Davis, an accomplished musician and author who has positively influenced racial relations. Davis wrote his most recent book, *Klan-destine Relationships*, in an attempt to understand why Klansmen oppose different races. While researching the book, Davis convinced many Klansmembers to relinquish their robes and leave the clan. At the celebration, Davis will be speaking and playing music by African American composers from the 1955 to 1968 era, particularly Rock and Roll songs composed by Chuck Berry and Otis Blackwell.

“Rock and Roll was a force, along with King that caused people to integrate. During the King era, kids knocked down the ropes and people of all races were dancing in the theatres together,” says Davis, who has performed in 48 countries. “This is my



Daryl Davis

way of paying tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King.”

Joining Davis on stage will be local award winners who have recently made a positive contribution to the Rockville community. The Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award will honor a Rockville high school student for a special accomplishment that showed resourcefulness in the face of adversity. The Taff Award, bearing the name of former Human Rights Commission chairperson F. Michael Taff, will honor an individual or organization that has made a contribution to improving the lives of people with disabilities.

CALL 301-309-3308 FOR MORE INFO

McGuckian to Speak at Peerless New Year’s Day Brunch

The 27th annual Peerless Rockville New Year’s Day brunch at Glenview Mansion will be serving up more than the usual fare that helps recover from a night of celebration. This year’s Jan. 1 gathering will also include a talk by author Eileen S. McGuckian about how she researched the history of Rockville in preparing to write her just released book *Rockville: Portrait of a City*.

The brunch, which runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., also will include presentation of the historic society’s Outstanding Volunteer Award and drawing of the winning raffle ticket for two tickets anywhere in the U.S. serviced by Southwest Airlines.

At 12 noon, McGuckian will lend insight about her quest to compile the first complete edition of Rockville’s history. She later will answer questions and sign copies. Books, which can be purchased at Rockville City Hall, will be available at the Peerless brunch.

Tickets are \$10 for Peerless members, \$5 for seniors and students and \$15 for nonmembers

CALL 301-762-0096 FOR MORE INFO

Home Improvement Grants

Low and moderate income Rockville homeowners can apply for grants and loans to make necessary upgrades to their homes through Rockville’s Home Improvement Program. This includes upgrades to electrical, plumbing and home heating systems.

The program also provides assistance with home inspections, cost estimating and contract negotiating. Funds for the program are provided by HUD through the Community Development Block Grant Program and are administered by the City’s Community Planning and Development Services.

Please call to inquire about eligibility requirements and loan limits.


CALL 301-301-3211 FOR MORE INFO

Para Ud.

Rockville toma medidas para asegurar la seguridad de los peatones

Dos accidentes serios que ocurrieron durante un periodo de tres semanas en noviembre han causado al alcalde y a los concejales a anunciar una serie de medidas para proteger a los peatones y ciclistas y la misma vez permitir que el flujo del tránsito siga libremente.

La ciudad ha estado desarrollando planes específicos para mejorar los cruces de calles en toda la ciudad. Sin embargo, no ha sido posible implementar ciertos planes porque algunas calles en Rockville pertenecen al Estado de Maryland o al Condado de Montgomery. Se necesita el permiso de la Administración de Carreteras del Estado de Maryland (State Highway Administration) para hacer cambios en esas calles, y algunos de los planes han sido negados. Desde que se anunciaron las iniciativas, la Ciudad ha estado en contacto con los oficiales del estado y el condado y espera obtener permiso para implementar los proyectos necesarios.



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For Teens

- For more information about teen activities see the Winter Recreation Guide or call 301-309-3345.
- 11 Robert Frost Teen Club Dance and Battle of the Bands.** Grades 7- 8. 7:30-10 p.m. at Robert Frost Middle School. \$2 for members, \$5 for non-members.
- 20 Teen Club Pottery Trip to *Made By You*.** Half day of school. Includes lunch.
- 21 Teen Club Snow Tubing Trip.** Grades 6-12. See page 17 of the Winter Recreation Guide for details.
- 25 Robert Frost Teen Club Dance.** Grade 6. 7:30-10 p.m. at Robert Frost Middle School. \$2 for members, \$5 for non-members.

Nature Center

All classes held at Croydon Creek Nature Center, in Civic Center Park. For more information, call 301-545-5691.

- 8 A Snowman’s Building Block.** 10-11 a.m. Ages 3-6. \$3 residents, \$4 non-residents.
- 12 Jack Frost Hike.** 10-11 a.m. All ages. \$4 residents, \$5 non-residents.
- 16 Snowy Day.** 10-11 a.m. Ages 3-6. \$2 residents, \$3 non-residents.
- 21 Winter Bug Safari.** 1-2 p.m. Ages 5-12. \$3 residents, \$4 non-residents.
- 26 Australia Day.** 2-3 p.m. Ages 4-10. \$5 residents, \$6 non-residents.

Fire Safety Tips

Below is a list of safety tips to avoid a household fire:

- Never burn holiday trees, treated wood or wrapping paper in a fireplace.
- Have furnaces and chimneys inspected and cleaned periodically. Chimney tar build-up can ignite a fire.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace. Ambers can ignite a fire hours after landing.
- Discard cigarettes carefully. Do not extinguish cigarettes in trashcans or on the ground around dry brush, such as sticks or leaves.

Call Montgomery County’s Fire and Rescue Service at 240-777-2448.



January Program Schedule

REGULAR PROGRAMS

Mayor & Council Live

January 14, 7:30 p.m.
General Session
January 22, 7:30 p.m.
Public Hearing (City-wide Master Plan)
January 28, 7:30 p.m.
General Session

Meeting Replays

Monday, 7:30 p.m. (if no live meeting)
Sun. and Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Daily, 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sun. and Sat. 9 a.m.

City Hall Report

Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Cityline

Daily, 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 9:30 p.m.

Mayor & Council Review

Daily, 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

SPECIALS

Responsive and Responsible: Rockville City Government

Wed.-Sat., 7 a.m., 8 p.m., 11 p.m.,
Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.
Daily, 1 p.m.

Economic Development

Sun.-Tues., 7 a.m., 11 p.m.
Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.
Daily, 2:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 7:30 p.m.

Annual Report

Daily, 2 p.m.
Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.
Wed.-Sat., 9 p.m.

Caregivers: Mentors Programs

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.
Daily, 1:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 8:30 p.m.

Online Frontier

Daily, 10:30 a.m., 7 p.m.

Inside City Hall

Meetings, Minutes, etc.

Minutes Highlights

From six Public Hearings held Nov. 19 and the General Session of Nov. 26:

On Nov. 19, the Mayor and Council:

- Held a public hearing on the Historic District Rezoning Application concerning the Haiti Cemetery at 205 Martins Lane
- Held a public hearing on the Historic District Rezoning Application concerning 300 Reading Avenue
- Held a public hearing on the Historic District Rezoning Application concerning Rockville Cemetery at 1350 Baltimore Road
- Held a public hearing concerning the Historic District Rezoning Application concerning the former George Washington Carver High School and Junior College. This building at 850 Hungerford Drive is now known as the Carver Educational Services Center.
- Held a public hearing on a text amendment application to modify Section (25-437) concerning screening or underground installation of transformers and equipment lockers and underground installation of utility lines
- Held a public hearing on a text amendment application to modify the Residential Table of Uses to eliminate the provision that allows off-street parking for a church or other place of worship on a separate lot. The parking requirements for all institutional uses in residential zones would be modified to require a setback of 20 feet from a rear or side lot for parking spaces, off-street loading areas and driveways adjacent to residentially-zoned land or land that is proposed in the Master Plan for residential use.

On Nov. 26, the Mayor and Council:

- Appointed Councilmember John F. Hall Jr. as its representative to the Retirement Board through Nov. 1, 2003
- Approved Maryland Individual Practice Associations (MDIPA) of Rockville and Care First Blue Choice HMO (Blue Cross and Blue Shield) of Washington to be included among the providers of health care coverage for employees and retirees of the City. Total contract amount of \$1,391,606.
- Approved bid of \$49,998 to Criswell Chevrolet of Gaithersburg for three compact utility vehicles
- Approved bid of \$35,972 to Humphrey & Son, Inc. of Laurel for construction of a pressure-reducing valve and vault
- Approved bid of \$49,614 to Criswell Chevrolet for three light duty pickups and one standard 4x4 pickup
- Approved bid of \$8,375 to Tank Industry Consultants of Ellicott City for design and installation of the Talbott water tank cathodic protection system with the inspection, evaluation and preparation of specifications and construction phase services for the repair of the tank
- Authorized release of the existing stormwater management easement on the Congressional Plaza Apartments property at Congressional Lane and East Jefferson Street (in connection with development of the property)
- Approved introduction of an ordinance to adopt a street closing and abandon-

Mayor and Council Meetings

January 7: **Work Session, 7:30**

January 14: **General Session, 7:30**

January 22: **Public Hearing (City-wide Master Plan), 7:30**

January 28: **General Session, 7:30**

All meetings, unless noted, are in the Mayor and Council Chambers in Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue.

General sessions and public hearings are televised live on The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11). Meetings are replayed at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays (if there is not live meeting); Sundays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays at 9 a.m.; and daily at 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Mayor and Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays when there is a General Session or a Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall will remain open during this time. Please call the City Clerk's Office as drop in times are subject to change, 301-309-3310.

In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, Councilmembers scheduled to be available for Drop-In in January are:

- Jan. 14: **Robert Dorsey**
- Jan. 22: **John Hall**
- Jan. 28: **Susan Hoffmann**



Mayor
Larry Giammo

ment application of CVS of Maryland for a 510-square-foot area

- Approved introduction of an ordinance to adopt a street closing and abandonment application of King Farm Associates concerning 404 square feet of land at the intersection of King Farm Boulevard with the future Reserve Champion Drive and future Crestfield Street
- Approved contract not to exceed \$200,000 to Johnson Controls, Inc., for Phase I Investigative Engineering Services for the development of an energy performance audit of City facilities
- Approved projects and funding levels to be included in Fiscal Year 2003 application to Montgomery County for Community Development Block Grant funds.
- Authorized issuance and sale of a bond to the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration to finance Phase III improvements to the Rockville Water Treatment System
- Authorized filing of a Historic District Sectional Map Amendment Application to rezone 14,249 square feet of land at 710 West Montgomery Avenue to historic district zoning.

Vacancies

Boards and Commissions meet at various times.

If interested in a current opening, contact the City Clerk's Office at 301-309-3310.

Animal Matters Board (one vacancy):

This three-member board mediates petitions and other matters involving animals. The Board provides written recommendations to the animal review official, chief of police and the Mayor and Council.

Board of Appeals (one vacancy):

Members serve overlapping three-year terms. The Board is charged with the responsibility of hearing and deciding all appeals and applications for variances.

The Human Services Advisory Commission (one at-large vacancy and one consumer representative):

This body provides advice and guidance to the Mayor and Council on how to best address human service needs in Rockville. The Commission is composed of nine individuals representing social service consumers, service providers and residents of the Rockville community. Members serve three-year terms.

Landlord/Tenant Affairs Commission (one vacancy):

This seven-member body is comprised of two landlords, two tenants and three people from the citizenry at large. It provides a forum for adjudicating differences or disputes between landlords and tenants.

Human Rights Commission (one vacancy):

This 11-member body promotes human rights for the City's residents through sponsoring the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and other events related to human rights such as fair housing and cultural diversity. The Commission provides free mediation services to people who have experienced a problem within the city limits with a neighbor, landlord, tenant, or business, for example.

Boards and Commission January Calendar

All meetings at City Hall unless noted

January 8 (Tuesday)

Science, Technology & Environment Commission, 7:30 p.m.
Human Services Advisory Commission, 7:30 p.m. (Community Services Office, 32 Courthouse Square)

January 9 (Wednesday)

Bike Advisory Committee, 7 p.m.
Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
Cultural Arts Meeting 7:30 p.m.

January 15 (Tuesday)

Historic District Commission, 7 p.m.
Town Center Action Team, 7 p.m. (Red Brick Courthouse/Room 105)

January 16 (Wednesday)

Cultural Arts Commission, 7:30 p.m.

January 17 (Thursday)

Board of Appeals, 7 p.m.
Rockville Sister City, 7:30 p.m.

January 23 (Wednesday)

Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
Human Rights Commission, 7:30 p.m.

January 30 (Wednesday)

Planning Commission, 7 p.m.